(*b*) If so, state what steps have been taken by Government to remove such defects.

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: 4. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Orders for the supply of the necessary articles of furniture have been placed with the P. W. D. Workshops and Stores, Trivandrum and the supplies are expected soon.

Population of Tamils and Malayalees—Primary Schools in certain taluks.

171. MR. SREE V. DAS: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the population, the number of persons talking tamil as their mother tongue, the number of persons talking Malayalam as their mother tongue, the number of tamil primary schools and the number of Malayalam primary schools, on the basis of the 1941 census figures, in the taluks of Thovalai, Agasteeswaram, Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Neyyattinkara, Nedumangad, Shencottah and Deviculam.

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE:

Name of Taluq.	Population.	Total population whose mother tongue is Tamil.	Total population whose mother tongue is Malayalam	Total No. of Tamil Primary Schools.	Total No. of Malayalam Primary Schools.
Thovala	43,324	42,448	876	31	Nil
Agasteeswaram	1,83,655	1,76,874	6,781	104	5
Kalkulam	2,42,566	2,05,944	36,622	48*	42
Vilavancode	2,07,430	1,61,217	46,213	42	114"
Neyyattinkara	3,06,612	30,141	2,76,471	Nil	161
Nedumangad	1,87,495	6,327	1,81,168	Nil	117
Shencottah	55,451	52,432	3,019	11	Nil
Devicolam	64,395	53,394	11,001	9	3

*There are besides 33 Malayalam and Tamil (combined) Primary Schools.

"There are Tamil divisions in Malayalam Schools and Malayalam divisions in Tamil Schools according to the needs of the locality.

Construction of a Road along the sea shore.

172. MR. SREE V. DAS: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state;

(*a*) What are the reasons for constructing a road along the sea shore;

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